

Virgin Islands, but for the Caribbean region as well.

By all accounts, Rodney Miller did an excellent job, administering the 250-bed acute care Schneider Hospital, as well as the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute and the Myrah Keating Smith Community Health Center on St. John in a manner that has advanced health care in the territory.

Most noteworthy among his accomplishments was the emphasis on improved patient care and the opening of the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute. With an announced emphasis on quality patient care, enhanced customer service and improved cleanliness of the health facilities, Miller embarked upon a course for change that was driven by the expressed needs of patients. He emphasized that being the only choice for health care for most of the residents of the island meant that quality care was a must. He equally emphasized that Schneider Regional should be a good place for employees as well.

With the opening of the Charlotte Kimelman Cancer Institute in 2006, Rodney Miller and his administrative and medical team worked to realize the dream of many in the territory for a "world class cancer care facility with an array of support services and resources" that would allow patients to seek treatment at home, closer to the comfort of family and friends. Rodney Miller's leadership in health care has been marked by this and other noteworthy accomplishments in the territory.

In addition to his duties as head of Schneider Regional, Rodney Miller immersed himself in the civic activities of the community, and in 2004 was named Person of the Year by Rotary II Club of St. Thomas. Just last year, he received the 2006 Wilbur "Bill" LaMotta Community Service Award from the St. Thomas-St. John Chamber of Commerce.

His peers in the health care profession have long acknowledged his extraordinary talent. In 2002, he received the Young Healthcare Executive of the Year Award from the National Association of Health Services Executives. In 2003, he received the American College of Healthcare Executives' Regents Award and in 2005, he was elected to serve as president of the National Association of Health Services Executives. In 2006, he was named one of the Top 25 Minority Healthcare Executives by Modern Healthcare Magazine.

Recently, Rodney Miller announced that he has accepted a new position in the Florida health care system. I know that he will distinguish himself there as well, but we in the Virgin Islands wanted to express our thanks to him for the good work that he did in the territory for the past 5 years. On behalf of the people of the Virgin Islands, particularly those on the island of St. Thomas, I wish Rodney Miller bon voyage and great success in his new endeavor. He has definitely left health care in the territory in better shape than when he got there, and for that we are all grateful.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. TOM FEENEY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. FEENEY. Madam Speaker, I would like to express my regret for missing votes on the

House floor on Monday, October 22, 2007 and Tuesday, October 23, 2007. I was in my district for the launch of Shuttle STS-120: Discovery.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MARK UDALL

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained in returning to Washington, DC, on Monday, October 29th and so was not present for 3 votes. If I had been present, I would have voted as follows:

(1) H.R. 3224—Dam Rehabilitation and Repair Act of 2007—I would have voted "yea" on this excellent bill by our Colorado colleague, Representative JOHN SALAZAR;

(2) H. Res. 573—Recognizing and commending the efforts of the United States public and advocacy groups to raise awareness about and help end the worsening humanitarian crisis and genocide in Darfur, Sudan, and for other purposes—I would have voted "yea"; and

(3) H. Res. 747—Recognizing the religious and historical significance of the festival of Diwali—I would have voted "yea."

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICK LAMPSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. LAMPSON. Madam Speaker, on rollcall No. 1010, 1011, and 1012 on 10/29/07, had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on all.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE GREEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to explain my absence from votes cast on October 29, 2007. I was in Houston yesterday, tending to a family health care issue, and was unavoidably detained.

On rollcall vote No. 1010, to approve H.R. 3224, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall vote No. 1011, to approve H. Res. 537, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

On rollcall vote No. 1012, to approve H. Res. 747, had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

IN CELEBRATION OF THE BOSTON RED SOX'S 2007 WORLD SERIES VICTORY

HON. EDWARD J. MARKEY

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. MARKEY. Madam Speaker:

The Red Sox we proudly honor today
For another championship and remarkable play

That's two in four years, all of Beantown
"hurrahs!"

It's not the curse, but clutch play, for these
kings of Fenway

We hail the team's defense, top-notch in the
field

And a mighty potent offense that refuses to
yield

From top to bottom, the Sox have shown
Why in baseball's history books they will
forever be known

The club led by Henry, Werner, and Lucchino
And don't forget the dream team—Epstein
and Tito!

But it's the players who win each big game
And they all belong in baseball's Hall of
Fame

Josh Beckett, a baseball legend-in-the-mak-
ing

He won 4 playoff games, leaving foes with
heads shaking

And then there was Schilling, Dice-K, and
Lester

With unhittable splitters, the batters they
pestered.

Papelbon is the closer night after night
4 saves in the playoffs—to "the Nation's" de-
light

Youkilis at 1st, Mike Lowell the series
MVP,

Rookies Pedroia, Okajima and Ellsbury

With Manny & Ortiz, everyone agrees
the Sox are the best, from sea to shining sea

And Jason Varitek we cannot forget
From all in the clubhouse, he commands re-
spect

After 96 wins, the playoffs in full swing
The Angels came calling, but the Sox clipped
their wings

Down 3-1 to the Tribe, the Sox won it in
seven

Two pennants in 4 years, we were in baseball
heaven!

Then the Sox faced the tough Colorado team
Sweeping in just 4, completing the "possible
dream"!

Now the games are all played, the cham-
pagne popped and poured

Fire up those duck boats—let's all climb
aboard!

Another great season, fans and experts agree
The Sox are the newest baseball dynasty.

IN HONOR OF THE REVEREND
MONSIGNOR MICHAEL J. CO-
RONA, PHILLIPSBURG AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OUT-
STANDING CITIZEN OF THE
YEAR 2007

HON. SCOTT GARRETT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, October 30, 2007

Mr. GARRETT of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of the extraordinary public service of the Reverend Monsignor Michael J. Corona of Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Today, the Phillipsburg Area Chamber of Commerce will recognize his commitment to his community, naming him Outstanding Citizen of the Year for 2007.

Monsignor Corona completed his theological studies at St. Mary's Seminary and University